

June 22, 2000

Loretta Lynch, President  
California Public Utilities Commission  
505 Van Ness Ave, 5th Floor  
San Francisco, CA 94102

Dear President Lynch:

I am writing on behalf of the Burbank Chamber of Commerce, an organization dedicated to being the leading public policy advocate for business and promoting economic growth in our community.

The Burbank Chamber has always supported competition and other market traits that encourage economic growth and successful businesses in our community. It has come to the Chamber's attention that the Public Utilities Commission is considering an issue important to this cause – the long distance telephone market.

Right now, two companies control 80% of the long distance market. Allowing more competition in the market will bring many benefits to our businesses, including price reductions, network improvements, and one-stop-shopping. The price of other transactions that rely on long distance, such as conference calls, video conferencing, and fax transmissions will also be lowered.

We offer our strong support for Pacific Bell's proposed entry into long distance as long as they meet the fourteen point check list as outlined by the FCC. We hope you will give this proposal most careful consideration.

Sincerely,

Susan Bowers  
Executive Director

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